

FUN MONEY

The American Play Money Society Newsletter

Editor's Note

The color experiment continues. Maybe it catches your attention. We don't claim to be artists, but it is fun trying different things. Let us know if you have any suggestions for improvements.

Once again we have a bunch of short items. Thanks to Randy Partin for the interesting Cracker Jack article. Remember, our members what to hear about your finds and what you have that may be different or unusual. Good hunting!

For this issue I think I'll put in all of these items and more.

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It was thoughtful of Don Kolkman to provide a free IGA Bonus Bucks note for everyone!

Send it now!
You've been meaning to send an ad and maybe a story about your latest find. This is a great time to go for it. No fancy formatting is needed. Just send something and let the editor worry about it.



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Jack Phillips

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TREASURER'S REPORT



by Barbara Phillips

Balance as of May 28, 2000 \$ 320.60

Income: Dues, ads, and back issues \$ 7.00

Expenses: Paper & ink cartridge for Fun Money #16 & #17 \$ 28.95

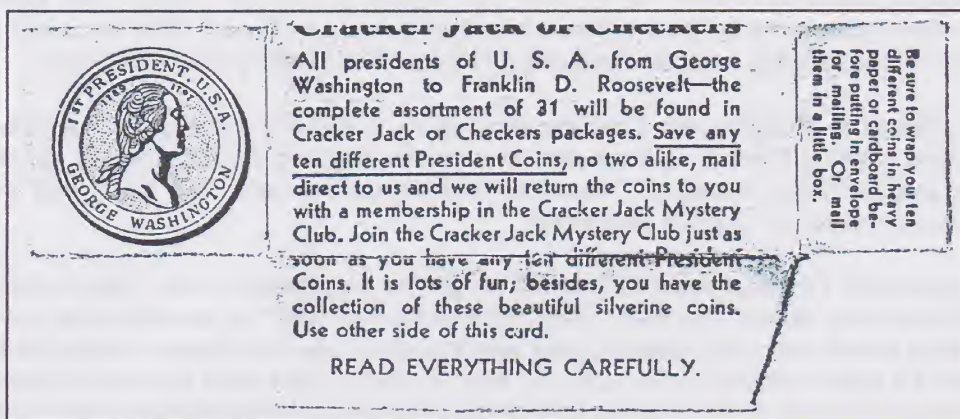
Postage, stamps and envelopes \$ 31.22

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Update

Cracker Jack

by Randy Partin

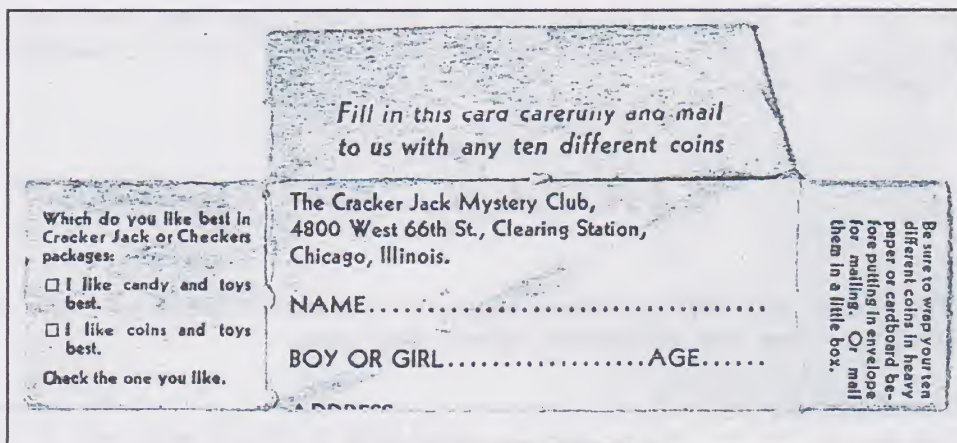


Recently while looking for Cracker Jack president tokens on ebay I ran across a lot described as "CRACKER JACK COIN & CARD". I did not know what this meant so I clicked on it to check it out. There was a very nice example of a George Washington "coin" reverse token and, to my astonishment, the above card! I had never seen anything like this before. Since I specialize in this series I knew that I just had to have it. Fortunately I was able to obtain it at a very reasonable price.

This card depicts a George Washington coin and states the following:

"CRACKER JACK OR CHECKERS (this line is half cut off on the above card) All presidents of U.S.A. from George Washington to Franklin D. Roosevelt – the complete assortment of 31 will be found in Cracker Jack or Checkers packages. Save any ten different President Coins, no two alike, mail direct to us and we will return the coins to you with a membership in the Cracker Jack Mystery Club. Join the Cracker Jack Mystery Club just as soon as you have any ten different President Coins. It is lots of fun; besides, you have the collection of these beautiful silverine coins. Use other side of this card."

To the side it reads: "Be sure to wrap your ten different coins in heavy paper or cardboard before putting in envelope for mailing. Or mail them in a little box."



On the other side of the card it gives the address of the Cracker Jack Mystery Club and a place for the boy or girl to fill out their name and address. To the left is a short survey. It asks the boy or girl if they prefer candy and toys best or if they prefer coins and toys best.

I am trying to figure out where this card was in the box of Cracker Jacks or Checkers. This card measures 4 1/2" x 2". The way it is creased it looks like it was attached to the top of the box as the top flap. It is not creased in a way that it would have been folded around the coin inside the box. Boy, would I love to find an original box with this President coin advertising on it.



CRACKER JACK UPDATE (continued)

Besides my earlier article in this newsletter there was one other source of information on this series. It is Tom Casper's article that appeared in the June 1979 issue of the TAMS journal. Tom states in his article that "when a child had three different president medals, he (or she) was eligible to join the Cracker Jack Mystery Club. He would send in his three different president medals and would receive 10 new different presidential medals stamped "Cancelled" on the reverse, a display case and a Cracker Jack Mystery Club Certificate."

The above box top seems to disagree with Casper's information. It states that the child must have 10 different president coins before sending them in. It does not say that the 10 coins the child would get back would be cancelled but I am assuming they would be. However, nowhere on the card does it say that the child would receive a display case for his or her Cracker Jack coins.

To find out more I contacted Tom and asked him where he got the information for his TAMS article. He said that he got information from many different sources. Tom said that he was "told" by someone that the display cases were black with a blue velvet lining and snapped shut and that they were unmarked. I would think that Cracker Jack Co. would want it's name splashed prominently on such a display case. Until someone comes up with one I think that the case can only be considered hearsay. He also supplied me with the following very interesting letter.

CRACKER JACK MYSTERY CLUB
4800 West 65th Street, Chicago, Illinois

Dear Member:

The enclosed Cracker Jack mystery surprise together with ten different brand new coins are sent to you as a special courtesy for joining the Cracker Jack Mystery Club.

I hope that you and your friends will have lots of fun with this little novelty.


To join again you will only need 3 different coins and you are entitled to join the Cracker Jack Mystery Club as often as you send in 3 different President Silverine Coins and receive other surprises. Remember that the coins I return to you are cancelled and that you cannot use them again. You must collect three new ones in order to become a member more than once.

Yours truly,

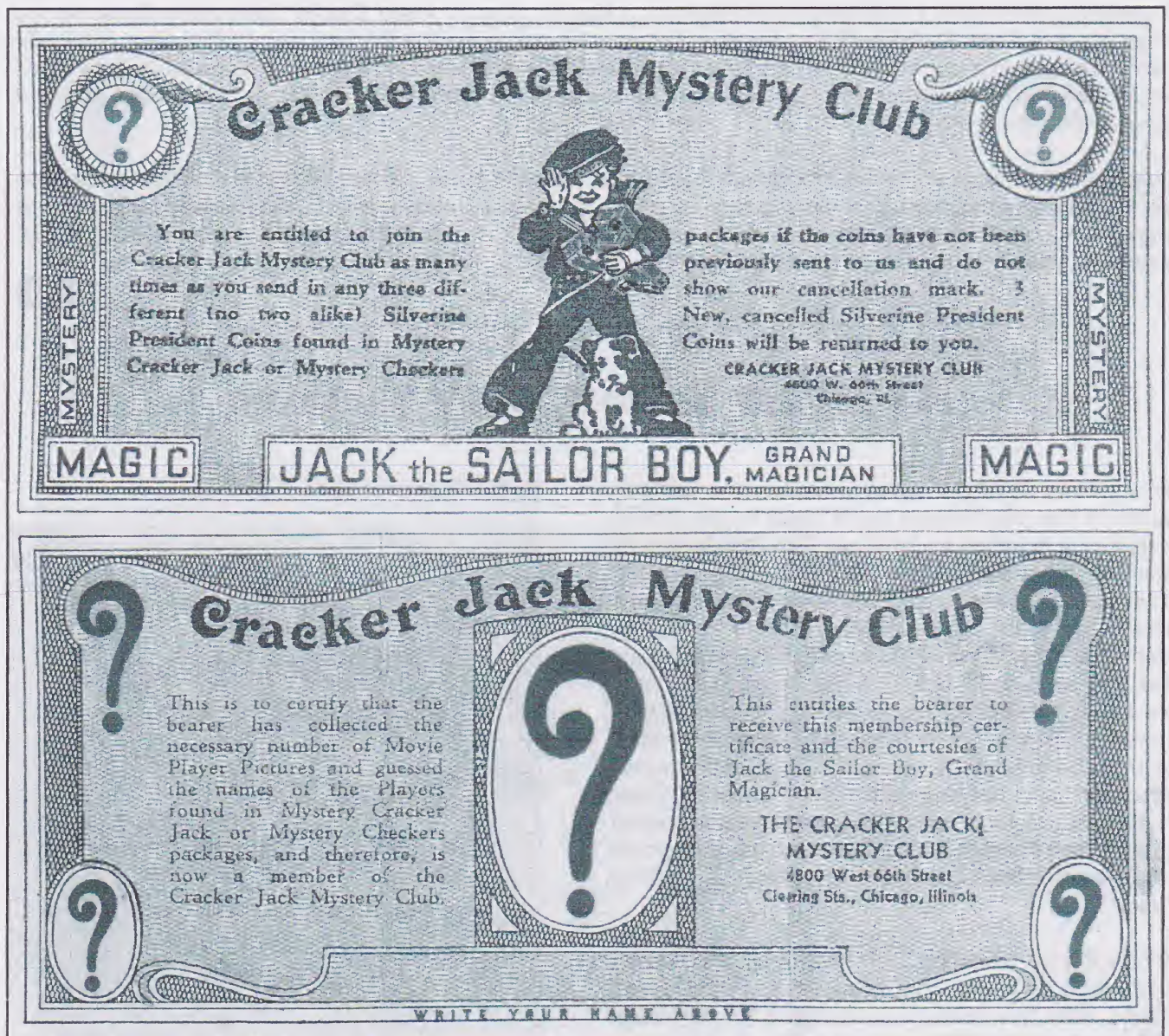
Jack The Sailor Boy's Grand Magician

P.S. - The coins you sent us were somewhat tarnished so I thought you would enjoy getting ten different brand new ones.

The letter appears to be one that the Cracker Jack Co. would send to the child along with 10 "Cancelled" coins after the child signed up and sent in 10 different president coins. It states that after joining the child would only have to save up 3 more different president coins before sending them in for 3 more "Cancelled" ones and another Mystery surprise. The child could continue sending in the coins, once a member, after saving 3 different coins and getting in return "Cancelled" coins and new surprises.

This is where Tom got his information of sending in 3 coins for prizes. Actually when you put his letter together with my "card" at the top of this article you begin to get a clearer picture. First you must send in 10 different coins and once a member you only need to save up 3 different ones before redeeming them with Cracker Jack Co. 

CRACKER JACK UPDATE (continued)



Tom also sent me a copy of the above note. He only had a copy, not the original. The obverse of the note reads as follows:

"You are entitled to join the Cracker Jack Mystery Club as many times as you send in any three different (no two alike) Silverine President Coins found in Mystery Cracker Jack or Mystery Checkers [Jack the Sailor Boy figure] packages if the coins have not been previously sent to us and do not show our cancellation mark. All Silverine President Coins will be returned to the sender. Cracker Jack Mystery Club 4800 W. 66th St. Chicago, Ill."

The reverse reads as follows:

"This is to certify that the bearer whose name appears below, has collected three different Silverine President Coins found in Mystery Cracker Jack or Mystery Checkers packages, and is now a member of the Cracker Jack Mystery Club, entitled to receive this membership certificate and the courtesies of Jack the Sailor Boy, Grand Magician."

This note measures 6 1/4" wide by 2 7/8" high and appears to be the membership certificate and could have been one of the "mystery surprises". Does anyone out there have one of these notes? I have never seen one.



CRACKER JACK UPDATE (continued)

If someone does have a membership certificate or a display case for these Cracker Jack coins please let me know or share it with FUN MONEY. I am skeptical as to the existence of a display case. If they were given with each membership a few would have been found by collectors with at least 10 "Cancelled" coins on them by now I would think. On the other hand you would think that more of the membership certificates would have surfaced as well. Who knows??

Editor's note: After receiving this article from Randy, I contacted him and told him that while I too had never seen the Mystery Club bill there is a great picture of one in the book *"Cracker Jack Prizes"* by Alex Jaramillo. It is shown in full color on page 42 for those of you who have the book. They say the currency was "widely distributed" so what happened to all of these great notes?

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British Isles Toy Coins

Your editor recently acquired a nicely done book on some of the play money coins used in the United Kingdom. It is written by American Play Money Society member David Evans. This soft cover, 70 page book covers plastic toy coins and their related paper money. There are eight pages of illustrations to help in identification and I immediately found several coins that had been in my "unknown" file. Additionally, there are three "Coin Finder" pages that also help to find the correct attribution. This is followed by sections on each of the makers. Here you will find a background description and the listing of the known coins with their numbers and a rarity rating. Suggested values are also given. When possible the coin numbers are also cross-referenced to the older book by David Rogers, *"Toy Coins"*.

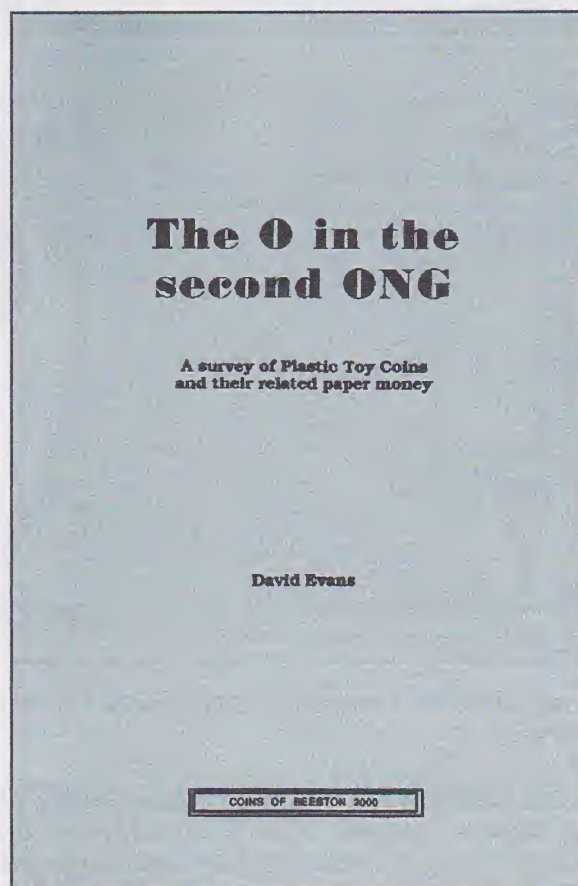
This is a great reference book for anyone who doesn't limit their interests to only those issues in the United States. Also, the author is working on his next book which will catalogue GB card coins.

You can obtain the book directly from David for \$11.00 in US bills (no checks) at:

David Evans
14, Courtney Place,
Lightwood, Stoke-on-Trent
Staffordshire, England
ST 3 7 XF

If you have questions, this is the author's e-mail address:

djandlaevans@cwctv.net

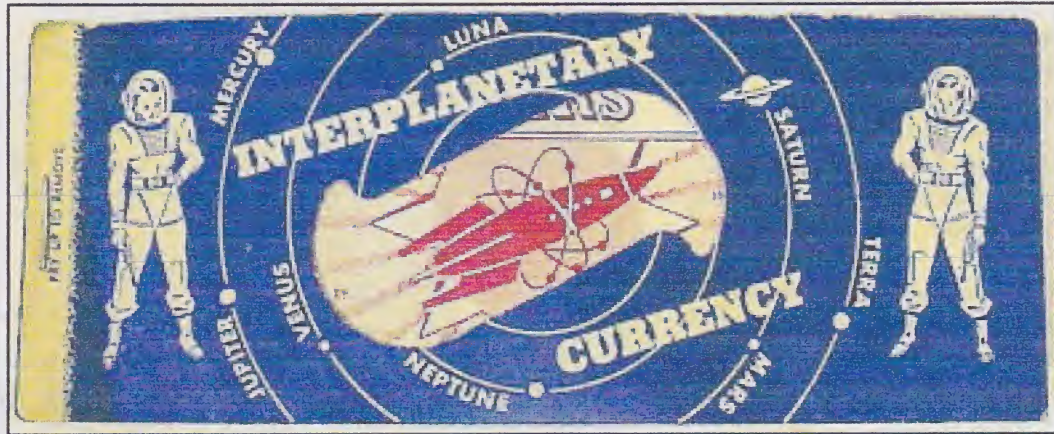


The book has an orange, glossy paper cover and measures about 5 1/2 inches by 8 inches.

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INTERPLANETARY CURRENCY

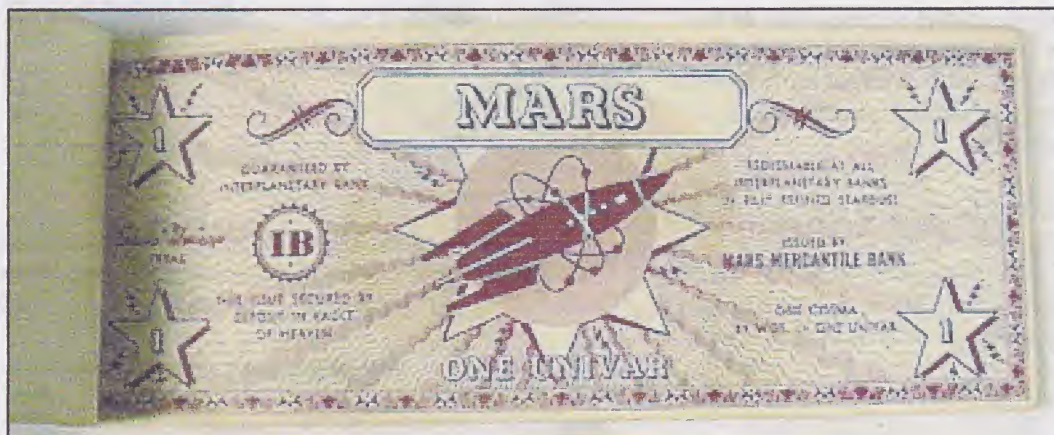
Another recent sighting on, where else, eBay auction was this booklet of Interplanetary Currency. The bills are not too difficult to find, but this is the first time your editor has seen the booklet that they came in. The pictures below show the front and back of the booklet plus one of the bills. Since the bills measure about 5 1/2 inches wide by 2 1/4 inches high, then the booklet itself must be just slightly larger. Examination of all the bills in my collection showed that all except one had the staple holes from the booklet. The lone exception bill without holes is also slightly larger at 5 7/8 inches by 2 7/16 inches. So, perhaps they did distribute some notes another way.



The front. Note the staple at the left.



The back.



"Great Board Games" Book

by Jack Phillips

This is a large, attractive, hard cover book that measures about 10 1/2 inches by 15 inches. It has 80 pages plus 5 pages of inserts and was published in 1979. Compiled by Brian Love, the book contains over 40 games from the period of 1895-1955 that you can play. The pages provide the game boards and instructions, so the playing fields are a bit smaller than in the original games. And, consequently, the playing pieces and play money are also much smaller. The insert sheets are to be cut up to provide the game pieces and play money.

There are three different types of play money bills and each bill measures about 1 1/4 inches wide by 5/8 inch tall.

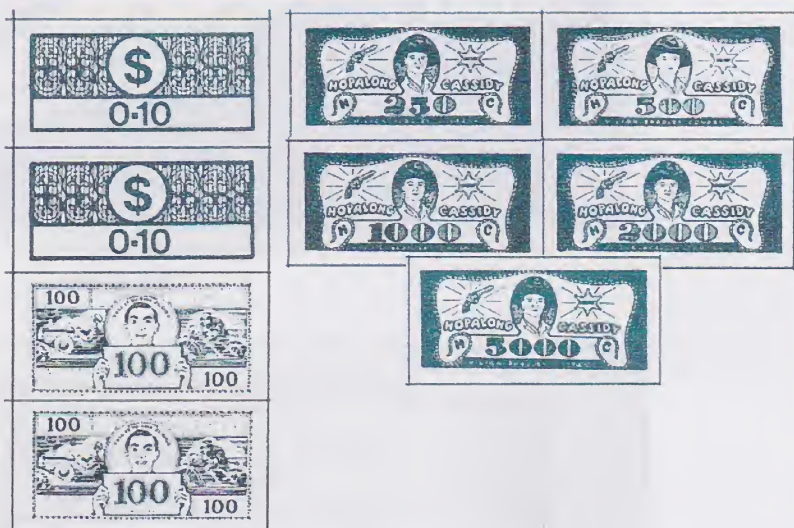
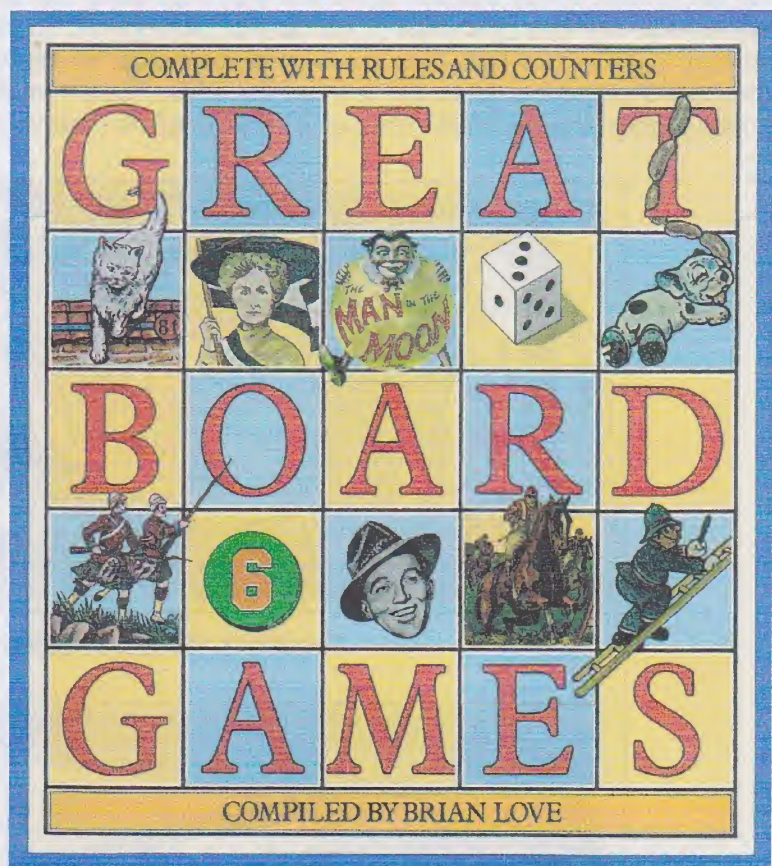
1. Hopalong Cassidy in five denominations (250, 500, 1000, 2000 & 5000). This is used in the "Hopalong Cassidy Game" which was published by the Milton Bradley Company in 1950.

2. Eddie Cantor in four denominations (5, 10, 20 & 100). This is used in "Eddie Cantor's New Game, Tell It To The Judge", which was produced by Parker Brothers in 1939.

3. Generic type money in five denominations (25¢, 50¢, \$1.00, \$2.50, & \$5.00). This is used in "The Game of Playing Department Store" produced by Parker Brothers in 1898.

There are several other games in the book that sounded like they should use play money, however, the instructions showed that all of them used counters or cards instead of play money. This is not uncommon in early games since the concept of money was not always held in high esteem.

It was only by chance that I ran across this book in an antique mall and consider it a stroke of luck that I happened to notice the play money connection. Once again, it shows that you never know when that play money may appear.



The generic type money is shown above the Eddie Cantor bills, while the five denominations of Hoppy money are shown at the right.

All are about actual size.

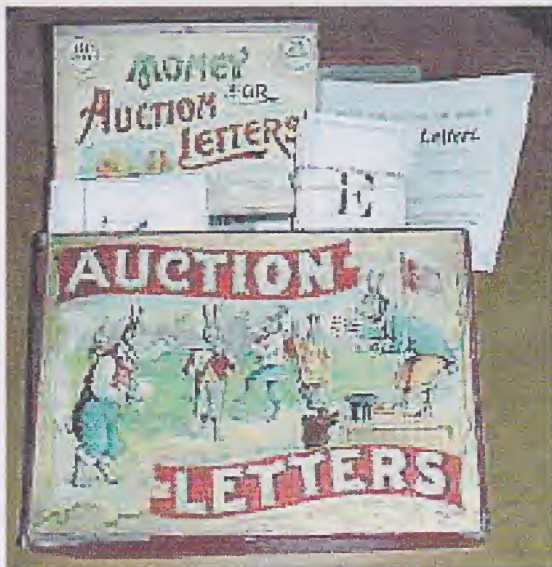
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Found on The Web



This early game had its own box for the play money. But since the game collectors wanted to pay large dollars for it, your editor was left far behind. Does anyone have the money from this neat game?



This nice item comes with coins that are like the Kiddy Cash (K6) in Clothier's book, but there are more denominations here. It appears to have four sizes in two colors, gold and silver. These are also known to come with different color purses.



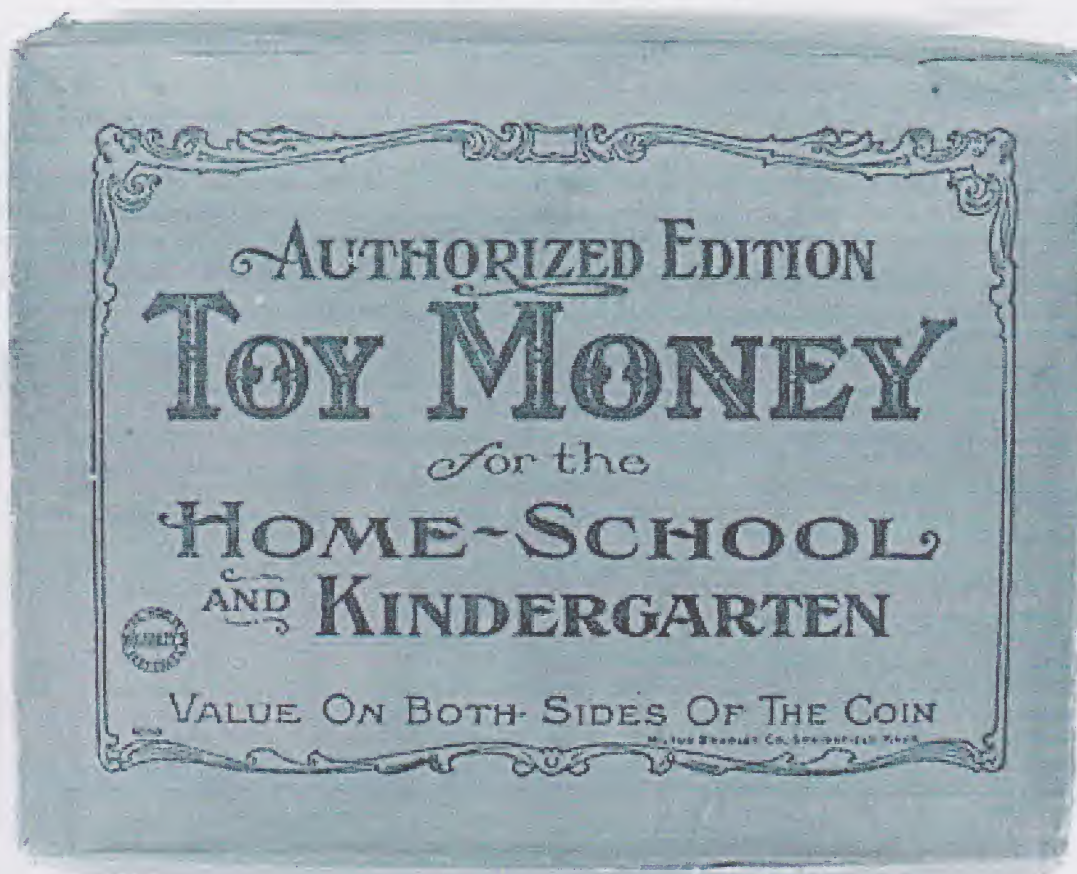
Here's an unusual item that didn't have much of a description, but did have some avid Disney collectors bidding on it. Sure a good looking item that many of us had never seen before. Alas, another expensive miss.



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Milton Bradley Toy Money

These pictures are pretty self-explanatory. Your editor has the same coins, but in a different box. This one was available on the eBay auction at what some would consider an expensive price. But it sure is a nice item to have in the collection. Too bad it went to someone else!

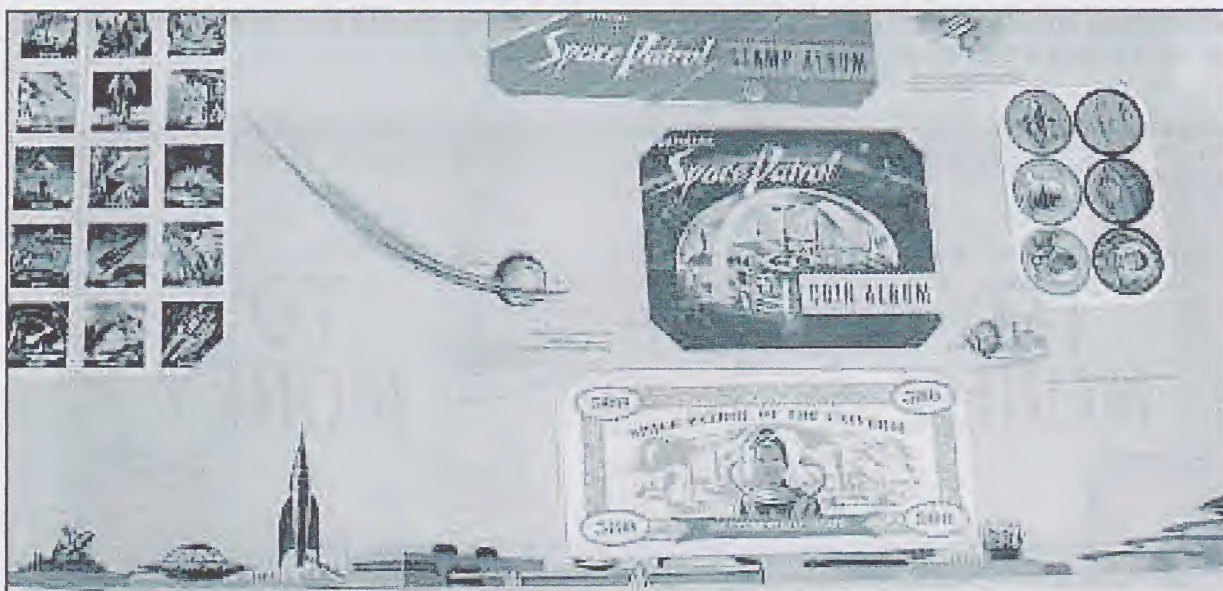
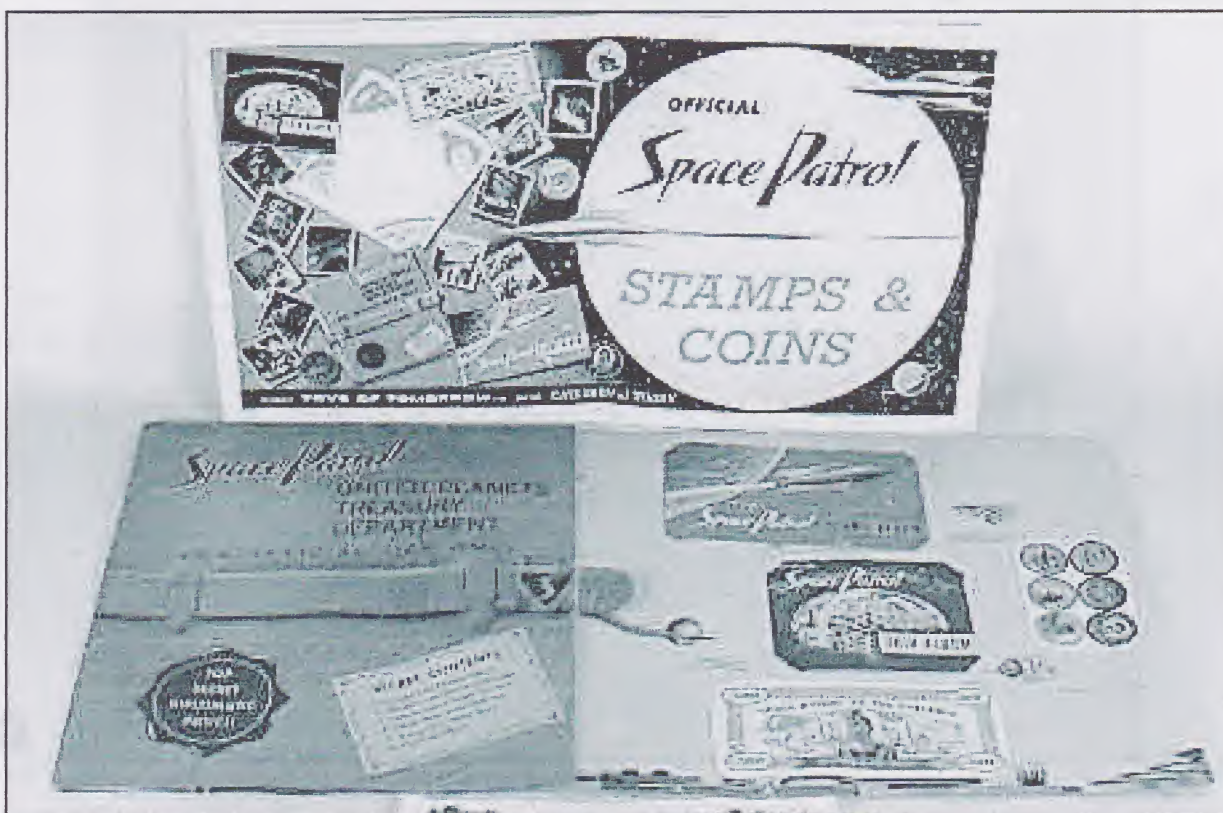


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Space Patrol Item on eBay

The pictures here aren't very good since this was copied from the internet, but the item is wonderful. While checking the latest items on eBay, this came to the top. The description follows:

"Included in this fantastic Space Patrol Top Secret Diplomatic Pouch is a sheet of United Planets stamps, six United Planets plastic coins, United Planets paper currency, Space Patrol stationery, a 16 page color stamp album, and a coin album. All of these things are inside of a paper folding pouch. Inside are space facts and the duties and purposes of the Space Patrol." Naturally I placed my bid, but gave up long before it exceeded the last bid I saw which was \$250.00! Once again, it is the only one I have ever seen.



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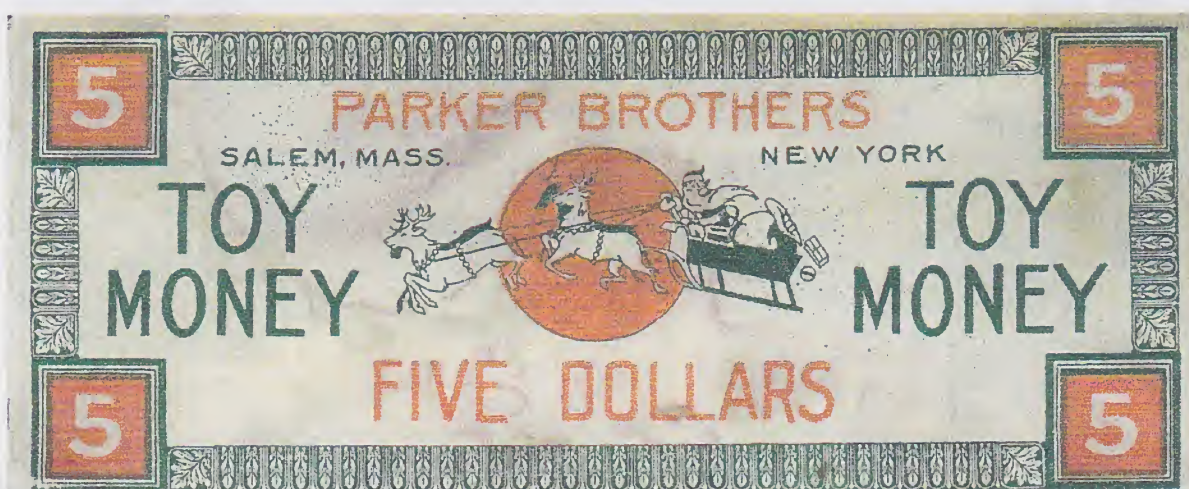
Handy-Andy Play Money

A recent winning bid on eBay produced this bill which your editor had not seen before. The seller thought it came from a grocery store in Texas, probably San Antonio. No matter. Since it said "Play Money" it was into the collection. Both sides of the bill are shown about actual size (2 3/8 inches by 5 1/2 inches).



FM

Thanks to Dan Benice for coming up with this older and unusual note. Your editor is not familiar with this variety of the Parker Brothers Toy Money. Both sides are the same and it is shown actual size. There is some wear and a few stains, but it makes a nice addition to any collection!



Play Coins of The World (P-151)

Thanks to Bob Nolan for providing us much of the information in the table below. Your editor added some from his collection and that of others. Help us fill in the spots on this hard to complete group.

Country	Blue	Plated Brass	Plated Copper	Gray	Green	Red	Plated Silver	Yellow
Argentina	10		100, P151			25		1, P152
Belgium			25				50	1 100, P153
Brazil	10, P156		50	25, P155			50, P154	
Canada	10		100		5		50, P157	
China			100, P158		5, P159		50	
Cuba			25, P160 100				100	
Egypt			25 100, P161				50	
England	10						50 100, P162	
Finland	10, P165		25, P164 100, P163		5		50 100	
France					5, P166		100	1
Greece	10		25 100, P167			25	50	
Holland			100	100	5, P169		50, P168	
India			25			25, P170	50	10
Iran	10		25, P172 100		5		50, P171	
Israel	10		100		5		50, P173	
Italy	10				5			1, P174
Japan	10		25, P175					1
Mexico			25				25, P177 50, P176	
Norway	10		25, P179 100				50, P178	1
Peru	10, P181		25		5		50, P180	1
Russia			100				50	
Spain	10	100, P182	25 50		5		50	1
Sweden	10		50, P183 25, 100		5, P184		50	
Turkey	10, P185		100		5			



From Members

From Don Kolkman: Recent purchases revealed that T8, Ten Simoleons (\$10 Gold) was part of the Tracies Co. "Pack o' Coins. See the attached picture. Richard Clothier's book states "We have no information on this coin", but we now know at least one source.



From Danny Johnson: Here are a few more Mallo Cup Money listings to add to the table in the June *Fun Money*.

Letter G, red 25¢ and \$1
 Letter H, red 50¢
 Letter J, blue 5¢ and 10¢
 Letter L, long red 5¢
 Blue edge red 25¢, 50¢, and \$1
 1952 dated red print old style, 5¢

Shown below is an information card that lists some of the premiums available and how many cards it required for them. It is red print on a buff colored cardboard. While it is undated, it has the appearance of being from the 1950's.



Shown actual size.

From Richard Clothier and others:

Several of our members lusted after this item in a recent EBay auction. For many of us it was the first time we had seen all of the plastic coins in a package like this. The sale price in excess of \$80 pushed all of us APMS members out of the running. It was a pretty item with the brown coins and green bills. The package heading had a bright red background. Sure wish we could still get one for 29¢!



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Wanted: Play Coins of The World, New Coins of The World, Tom Thumb Play Money, & Car Wash tokens. Bob Nolan, 3964 Drexel Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15212.

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 Dan Benice, Box 5708, Cary, NC 27512

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 E-mail: rpar10@gate.net

Wanted: Need 12 different Pizza Time Theatre, City/State tokens for my collection. Have 20 different to trade or will make generous offer for needed tokens. Phone (806) 353-8236 or write:
 Roy Hudnell, 26 Kendal, Amarillo, TX 79124
 E-mail: roystokens@cox-internet.com

Wanted: Viewmaster Reels, Shoe and Button Hooks that I need. Will trade for play money from Jack's list. Barbara Phillips, 2044 Pine Lake Trail, Arab, AL 35016

Wanted: "It Ain't Hay" play money: green bills with a haywagon as the picture, printed in denominations of \$1 to \$10,000 in the '50's. Also want mint, unfolded disney dollars dated 1992 to 1998. Lou Stryker, 109 Washington Terrace, Audubon, NJ 08106
 E-mail: pooobah@hotmail.com

SALE OR TRADE

 For Sale: "Play Money of American Children", published in 1985 and still the main reference for the hobby. \$7.50 postpaid for Xerox copies of the 52 page book. R. Clothier, 881 S. Washington State Rd., Washington, MA 01223.
 E-mail: richardclothier@hotmail.com

25 different Lucky Bucks: \$40 + \$2 postage & ins.
 50 different Lucky Bucks: \$75 + \$2 postage & ins.
 Val De Carlo, P.O. Box 127, Patchogue, NY 11772.

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 Jack Phillips, 2044 Pine Lake Trail, Arab, AL 35016.
 E-mail: japhillips@mindspring.com

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